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1. On 3 May 1950 Luis Cardoza y Aragon wrote Enrique Munoz Meany from Paris that he should be very careful about the Inter-American Conference for Democracy and Freedom held in Habana, Cuba 12, 13, 14 May 1950, since he, Cardoza, had been informed that the Americans were behind it. The letter added that measures should be taken to denounce the conference in Guatemala.
2. Cardoza is the Guatemalan Minister to France and Munoz Meany is the former Minister of Foreign Relations of Guatemala. Both men are extreme leftists who often follow the Communist line. Cardoza y Aragon has been reported several times as having Communist contacts in Paris.
3. The following members of the Costa Rican delegation to the Conference left San Jose on 11 May 1950 aboard a special plane furnished by the Cuban Government:

Jose Figueres Ferrer (Costa Rican)
 Henrietta de Figueres (American national)
 Alberto Canas (Costa Rican)
 Marcial Aguiluz (Honduran national)
 Amado Soler (Dominican)
 Oscar Zuniga (Costa Rican)
 Omar Dengo (Costa Rican)
 Mario Goicochea (Costa Rican)
 Rodolfo Quiros (Costa Rican)
 Alvaro Rossi (Costa Rican)

Guillermo Urbina, (Nicaraguan) Octavio Pasos Montiel (Nicaraguan) and Adolfo Ortega Diaz left on 11, 12 and 13 May respectively and traveled on Pan-American Airways via Panama.

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4. The 15 May 1950 edition of the clandestine Costa Rican Communist weekly, Trabajo, discussed the Conference and its purposes. It stated that the original agenda was (a) coordination of action to overthrow Trujillo, Somoza, Calvez and the military juntas of Venezuela and El Salvador; (b) conversion of Costa Rica into a Central American theater of operations with Jose Figueres overthrowing Ulate, declaring war on Nicaragua, and leading combined armies in the "liberating action of the Caribbean"; and (c) shipment of hidden planes and arms from Cuba to Costa Rica. Trabajo commented that, while it held no sympathy for the dictators, it feared that this "fight of liberation" would not only lead to a great Central American tragedy but would occasion American occupation. It would give the U. S. Army a chance to "restore order" in the zone adjacent to the canal. This led the Party to the suspicion that the United States Department of State was involved in the Conference since Cuban President Carlos Prío, Romulo Betancourt and Figueres are very friendly with Yankee diplomacy. Trabajo added that such adventures only serve the interests of Yankee imperialism and of the landholders and reactionary capitalists. The Party will continue to inspire revolutionary action by the masses to overthrow the dictatorships and their principal support, Yankee imperialism.

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